Uttar Pradesh

Administration: The total number of posts in the Uttar Pradesh State Archives on March 31, 1976 was 66.

A Regional Archives at Varanasi was established. Provision has been made in the current financial year to establish a Regional Archives at Nainital. There is a plan to establish Regional Archives at other headquarters of Divisional Commissioners in future.

Budget: During 1975-76 a sum of Rs.3,53,365-05 was spent out of a budget provisions of Rs.3,11,500-00 on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.1,02,128-86 spent out of Rs.1,20,000-00 provided on the plan side. For 1976-77 a budget provision of Rs.3,43,300-00 was made on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.1,27,000-00 on the plan side.

Building: As reported last year the State Archives has its own building at Lucknow. The building is equipped with the modern archival amenities. Sufficient land exists for its further expansion and two more storeys of the muniment block are expected to be constructed in the near future.

Record Management: Files of the various departments kept in the record room of the Uttar Pradesh Secretariat, Lucknow, were examined and 45,672 files were listed and 13,236 files and 1,458 bundles were transferred to the State Archives for permanent preservation. 13 files and 74 exhibits concerning Manipuri Conspiracy Case were also transferred from the record room of the District Judge Mainpuri. After checking and fumigation, these files were kept in Card Board boxes properly labelled and numbered and packed. 26,803 items were inventories. 553 volumes, 5,579 files and 1,111 bundles restored properly after

regular checking and varification. 21,233 files and 774 volumes fumigated by thymol and Paradichlorobenzine. Nepthalene bricks were put on racks. 23,286 files, 22 206 volumes and 3,180 bundles and boxes were cleaned by vacuum cleaners.

Research and Reference: 80 research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities in the State Archives during the period under report.

Reference Media: Lists of 45,672 files of different departments of Uttar Pradesh Secretariat and detailed inventories of records on 26,083 items were prepared.

Publication: A book entitled "Female Infanticide in N.W.P and Oudh" is under print and will come out of the press shortly.

Preservation of Records: 10,540 sheets of records were flattened. 2,139 sheets repaired with tissue paper and chiffon, 8,401 sheets repaired with lamination machine, 3,069 sheets guarded and 84 volumes, 71 files and 99 registers bound.

Library: 247 books were received from various offices on exchange basis and 93 important books purchased.

Training: A two-week training in Archives Keeping was imparted to 39 officials of various departments/ Offices of Uttar Pradesh Government.

Exhibition: A small exhibition of the manuscripts, and documents donated by Moulvi Ghulam Qadir to the Chief Minister was organised at the residence of the Chief Minister. Among other visitors, Prof.S.Nurul Hasan, Union Minister of Education and Social Welfare, Education Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Syed Ali Zaheer, the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh and other high officials visited the exhibition. A news reel was also prepared on the occasion.

An exhibition of documents was organized by this office in first week of March 1976 at Mahila College, Lucknow under National Service Scheme of the Government of India.

Another exhibition of documents relating "path towards freedom" was also organised in the premises of Uttar Pradesh State Archives Lucknow.

Other Activities:

1. Inspection: The Director Uttar Pradesh State Archives, inspected the collections of some old temples of Chitrakoot in the district of Banda and arranged the photographs of a rare Farmans of Aurangzeb and 11 other rare documents. He also inspected the Ramayana said to be written by Tulsidas at Rajapur. Records preserved at Raj Bhawan, Lucknow, were also inspected by the Director. He also inspected the records of the following offices and individuals: (i) Shibli Academy, Azamgarh, (ii) Collection of Firaq Gorakhpuri Allahabad (iii) Collection of Sri Bhagwan Prasad Srivastava Varanasi and (iv) Collection of Sri Hinga Lal Manwan Sitapur.

2. Meeting of the Records Management Committee: To study the records management problems of this State the Record Management Committee of the Government of India visited Lucknow on 18th September, 1975 and recorded the views of Dr.J D.Shukla I.C.S.(Retired) and Dr.P.N.Nagar, ex-Head of the Department of History Lucknow University, regarding the management problem of the records in this State. The members also discussed this problem with the Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh Department of Cultural Affairs Deputy Secretary, Secretariat Administration Department, Secretary Board of Revenue and Director of Uttar Pradesh State Archives.

3. Donation of Manuscripts and Documents: Moulvi Ghulam Qadir of Allahabad presented some rare collections of manuscripts and documents to Sri H.N. Bahuguna, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh on 22nd July,1975 at Allahabad and 23rd November 1975 at Lucknow respectively.

Sri Moni Seal, a revolutionary from Kanpur donated some documents from his personal file along with a letter from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose addressed to him. These have been laminated.

Dr. Nurul Hasan Hashmi, ex-Head of Urdu Department, Lucknow University, Lucknow permitted to preserve the microfilm copy of 16 volumes of Sri Mazhar Ali Sandilvi's Diary which throws light on day-to-day events from 21st January, 1867 to 24th December, 1911.